

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-11. (cancelled)

12. (previously presented) A texturizing composition that comprises:

a) from about 1% to about 90% of at least one self-invertible inverse latex by weight; and

b) from about 10% to about 99% of at least one powder by weight.

13. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 12, wherein said composition comprises:

a) from about 5% to about 80% of said self-invertible inverse latex; and

b) from about 20% to about 95% of said powder.

14. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 13, wherein said composition is essentially free of fillers.

15. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 12, wherein said composition is in powder form.

16. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 12, wherein said self-invertible latex is in liquid form.

17. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 12, wherein said self-invertible latex comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) an oil phase;
- b) an aqueous phase;
- c) at least one water-in-oil (W/O) phase;
- d) an emulsifier; and
- e) at least one oil-in-water (O/W) emulsifier.

18. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 17, wherein said oil phase is in the range of from about 15% to about 40% by weight of the total latex.

19. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 18, wherein said oil phase is in the range of from about 20% to about 25%.

20. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 17, wherein said oil phase comprises saturated hydrocarbons.

21. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 17, wherein said emulsifier is in the range of from about 2.5% to about 15% by weight of the total latex.

22. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 21, wherein said emulsifier is in the range of from about 4% to about 9%.

23. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 17, wherein said oil-in-water (O/W) emulsifier comprises a

branched or cross-linked polyelectrolyte in the range of from about 20% to about 70% by weight of the total latex.

24. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 23, wherein said polyelectrolyte is in the range of from about 25% to about 50%.

25. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 12, wherein said self-invertible inverse latex comprises at least one inverse emulsion selected from the group consisting of:

a) copolymer of acrylic acid partly in sodium salt form and acrylamide, cross linked with methylenebis (acrylamide);

b) copolymer of 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid partly in sodium salt form and acrylamide, cross-linked with methylenebis (acrylamide);

c) copolymer of 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid partly in sodium salt form and acrylic acid partly in sodium salt form, cross-linked with methylenebis (acrylamide);

d) copolymer of 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid partly in sodium salt form and 2-hydroxyethyl acrylate, cross-linked with methylenebis (acrylamide);

e) homopolymer of 2-methyl-2-[(1-oxo-2-propenyl)amino]-1-propanesulphonic acid partly in sodium salt form, cross-linked with methylenebis (acrylamide);

f) homopolymer of acrylic acid partly in ammonium salt or monoethanolamine salt form, cross-linked with sodium diallyloxyacetate; and

g) homopolymer of acrylic acid partly in ammonium or monoethanolamine salt form, cross-linked with triallylamine.

26. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 12, wherein said powder is in spherical form.

27. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 12, wherein said powder is homogenous.

28. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 12, wherein said powder comprises at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) synthetic materials;
- b) natural materials;
- c) organic materials;
- d) inorganic materials;
- e) hydrophilic materials; and
- f) hydrophobic materials.

29. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 12, wherein said powder contains a mean diameter in the range of from about 0.01 μm to about 250 μm .

30. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 29, wherein said diameter is in the range of from about 1 μm to about 50 μm .

31. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 12, wherein said powder comprises porous polymethyl methacrylate microspheres.

32. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 31, wherein said porous polymethyl methacrylate microsphere has a specific surface area greater than or equal to about 0.5 m² per gram.

33. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 13, wherein said powder comprises at least about 50% by weight of the total composition.

34. (currently amended) A method for improving the texture of a cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation comprising the steps of:

i) ~~introducing~~ adding an effective amount of at least one self-invertible inverse latex to said ~~composition~~ formulation; and

ii) adding an amount of at least one powder, wherein step i) and step ii) are simultaneous so as to add about 1% to about 90% self-invertible inverse latex and about 10% to about 99% powder.

35. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 34, wherein said method further comprises:

iii) adding at least one excipient.

36. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 34, wherein said cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation is a solid formulation.

37. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 36, wherein said formulation is selected from the group consisting of:

- a) foundations;
- b) makeup powders;
- c) mascaras; and
- d) lipsticks.

38. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 34, wherein said formulation is selected from the group consisting of:

- a) sprayable formulations; and
- b) solutions

wherein said formulation is impregnated on complexion corrector papers or fabrics, paper; or towels utilized in the cosmetic, pharmacy, or hygiene industry.

39. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 34, wherein said cosmetic or pharmaceutical formulation is utilized to improve the texture of liquids.

40. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 39, wherein said method is utilized to improve at least one component selected from the group consisting of:

- a) emulsions;

- b) lotions; and
- c) gels.

41. (new) A texturizing composition, consisting essentially of:

- a) from about 1% to about 90% of at least one self-invertible inverse latex by weight; and
- b) from about 10% to about 99% of at least one powder by weight.